

Monroe Police Department

News Release



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Officers rescue two young children from second story window during DV response and arrest

MONROE – July 16, 2022: A 28-year-old Monroe man was booked into Snohomish County Jail on charges of DV Unlawful Imprisonment, DV Assault 4, and Interfering with the Reporting of a Domestic Violence Offense.

Monroe Police Officers were first alerted to the incident at 01:38 hours, in an apartment complex in the 300 block of East Fremont Street. An unidentified female called 911, but quickly hung up. During this brief time, the 911 call taker heard swearing and screaming coming from a male voice. A second uninvolved 911 caller reported hearing people screaming and talking about a gun.

Monroe Police Officers arrived at the apartment 3 minutes after being dispatched, quickly locating the unit in question. Officers approached the door, and, after knocking, were confronted by a male who quickly slammed and locked the door shut. Officers could hear a struggle occurring inside the apartment with shouting and pounding on the walls.

During this initial police response, officers were able to confirm a 6-year-old boy and 9-year-old girl were inside the apartment with their mother. Officers were able to establish communications with the children via a second story window in the back of the apartment. Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue supplied a ladder. Once atop the ladder, the children spoke to officers through the window. They told officers they were scared and felt unsafe, knowing their father was armed with a knife. Officers carried the children out of the window and down the ladder to awaiting medic personnel. The children sustained no physical injuries.

North Sound Metro SWAT was activated to assist the Monroe Police Department. While awaiting SWAT personnel to arrive, and, after realizing the children had been rescued from the apartment, the man voluntarily exited the apartment and was taken into custody.

Officers remained on scene for several hours waiting for search warrant authorization to locate a knife and broken cell phone alleged to be inside the apartment. The adult female was treated by medics but reported no physical injuries.

The Monroe Police Department was assisted by the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, the Lake Stevens Police Department, the Everett Police Department, and Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue. The officers, deputies, and fire personnel on scene helped bring this incident to a peaceful resolution. We are very appreciative for their assistance and willingness to help.

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